

## **AGENDA**

### **CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS**

Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at 9:00 AM  
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT  
Second Floor – Conference Room E

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

##### **I. MINUTES**

Review and approval of the minutes from May 27, 2009.

##### **II. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Memorandum of Decision  
Paul Beckert, LO – Petition No. 2008-1105-038-003
- B. License Reinstatement Request – Jeffrey Panella, #001196  
*Presented by Frank Manna, Department of Public Health*
- C. Annual Update  
Health Assistance interVention Education Network  
for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

##### **III. Department of Public Health Updates**

- A. Investigations Update  
*Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, Department of Public Health*
- B. Examination Update  
*Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, Department of Public Health*

##### **IV. Legal Office Business**

Kennedy & Perkins, Inc., Branford, CT – Petition No. 2008-0408-057-001  
*Presentation of Consent Order – Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH*

##### **V. Examination Appeals**

*Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, Department of Public Health*

##### **VI. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURN**

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians held a meeting on May 27, 2009 at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Second Floor, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Linda Conlin, LO, Chairperson Loray Courchaine, Public Member Skip Rivard, LO
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
ALSO PRESENT:	Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH Dan Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH Kathleen Boulware, Practitioner Investigations Unit

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Chairperson Linda Conlin called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.

**MINUTES – MARCH 4, 2009**

The minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Skip Rivard moved and Loray Courchaine seconded that these minutes be approved. The motion passed.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

- A. Investigations Update  
Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, reported that at this time there are no current investigations. Four cases have been referred to the legal office.
- B. Examination Update  
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH, reported that there will be 33 candidates taking the contact lens exam on Monday, June 1, 2009. 28 candidates for the June 8, 2009 eyewear exam and 22 candidates for the state law exam.

**LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

- A. Cohen Fashion Optical, Inc., Danbury CT – Petition No. 2007-0719-057-003  
Presentation of Consent Order – Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
A consent order signed by Tracy Aarons along with a \$1,000 check was presented to the board. Board member Skip Rivard expressed reservations about accepting such a low fine from a repeat offender, but after discussion, the board assented. Loray Courchaine made a motion to accept the reprimand against Cohen Fashion optical. Linda Conlin seconded the motion. The motion passed and Linda Conlin signed the consent order.
- B. Paul Beckert, LO – Petition No. 2008-1105-038-003  
Motion for Summary Suspension – Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Stanley Peck presented the Statement of Charge, and a Summary Suspension Order against Paul Beckert of Wallingford, Connecticut. Based on the documents presented, there exists a threat to public health and safety, which warrants the Summary Suspension of Mr. Beckert's license. Motion to grant the Summary Suspension Order presented by Linda Conlin and seconded by Skip Rivard. The motion passed and Linda Conlin signed the order. A hearing was set for Friday June 5, 2009 at 9:00 at the Department of Public Health Building

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Following a motion by Skip Rivard and seconded by Loray Courchaine, the Board went into Executive session at 9:40 a.m. to discuss the content of upcoming examinations.

Motion to end the Executive session made by Skip Rivard and seconded by Linda Conlin at 10:10 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Skip Rivard made a motion and Linda Conlin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loray Courchaine  
Public Member  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians